

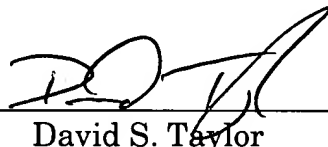
Cancellation of claims 31 and 32 will reduce the number of issues on appeal. Thus, entry of these amendments is in order.

If, after reviewing the above, the Examiner believes any issues remain unresolved, the favor of an Examiner interview is requested and the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, by telephone, to schedule same.

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